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PRESS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid announced the filing of an indictment¹ against JOSE JOAQUIN CASTRO-FRIAS, a/k/a “Edgardo Santiago-Serrano,” charging him with one count of re-entry after deportation. The indictment alleges that on or about December 9, 2008, CASTRO-FRIAS was found in the United States after having been removed from the United States. As such, he is charged with knowingly and unlawfully re-entering the United States without receiving the express consent of the United States Attorney General or his successor to reapply for admission. CASTRO-FRIAS faces a maximum 20 -year term of imprisonment, 3 years’ supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

| NAME | ADDRESS | YEAR OF BIRTH |
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| Jose Joaquin Castro-Frias, a/k/a “Edgardo Santiago-Serrano” | Philadelphia, PA | 1967 |

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lauren M. Ouziel.

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